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White Mountain Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2009

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The regular meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on January 19, 2009, at the Whiteriver Unified School District Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, AZ 85941. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Coordinator Rochelle Lacapa called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. RPC members in attendance and community members introduced themselves.
Members Present: Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Dennie Cromwell, Laurel Endfield, Harrisen DeClay, Velma Kaytoggy, Mary Kline, Kirk Massey, Jr., Faye Smith, Dr. Tim Strand, and Erwin Thompson
Members Excused:
Members Unexcused:
Other Attendees: Sarah Cosen, Julie Fitzgerald, Ranelda Hastings, AdiShakti Khalsa, Rochelle Lacapa, Maureen Theobald, and Kathy Wynn
2. **Discussion and Possible Adoption of the January 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Member Endfield to accept the minutes as reviewed; seconded by Member Kline; Motion passed 9:0:0.
3. **Call to the Public:** Kathy Wynn, Public Health Nursing, provided a brief overview of the services her department provides as well as information on the program she would like to implement if awarded FTF funding. She would like to begin addressing parenting skills in their home-visiting program, which would be an expansion of their current model. They will target new and teen moms and would also like to begin working with elderly who are raising children, which would be an expansion. Funding would be used primarily for training of staff and supplies for course participants.
 - a. **Question:** Are classes open to only IHS recipients?
Answers: They are open to anyone who lives on the reservation. They keep attendance sheets as well as a health record number.
 - b. **Question:** Active parenting/good-touch-bad-touch—who provides training?
Answer: There are specific groups who have developed the program that will provide training (local organizations out of Phoenix or Tucson).

c. **Question:** Other places for training rather than Head Start or Day Care?

Answer: This would be provided in the homes as well.

d. **Question:** Are most staff not trained? How many more additional staff would be trained?

Answer: Only two-three staff members are trained via class work or experience. Total staff = 10.

e. **Question:** The funding process is pretty complicated—have you attended any RFGA meetings?

Answer: No, but I have over 10 years of applying for and receiving state and federal grants.

f. **Question:** Are you going to add more staff or train current staff?

Answer: Train current staff but no addition of new staff.

4. **Update on Quarterly Chair's/Vice Chair's Meeting:** Chair Burnette provided an update on the meeting. The Tribal Chair's/Vice Chair's Meeting discussed advocacy, budget, discretionary funds, and the communications plan. People felt strongly that money should be put to use so that the money isn't taken by the State.

a. **Question:** Who are we referring to as Chairman and Vice Chairman?

Answer: No, Chair and Vice Chair of the RPC not of the Tribe.

b. **Question:** How do we guarantee response of the Tribal Council?

Answer: Coordinator Lacapa gave an overview of the Advocacy Kit and consultation policy.

5. **Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Partnership Council Members During the RFGA Process:** Coordinator Lacapa stated she is working with the finance group to learn the rules of this process and she reviewed their guidelines with the Council. She also stated that the posting date for the first two strategies (Family Support, Early Literacy) will be March 2, 2009. Strategy 2 should follow immediately after that. Once these are posted, any potential applicant who has questions should be referred to the First Things First website. The first round will close at 3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2009. Training for RFGA Committee members will take place during the week of April 14-20, 2009. Member Strand questioned whether members will be trained in Whiteriver; Coordinator Lacapa confirmed they will be. Coordinator Lacapa informed the Council that the review committees will present the applications to the Council; the Council will review them in Executive Session and will determine whether to accept, deny, or request further input. Once determined, the Council will present the accepted applications to the State Board, award letters will then go out, and funding will become available on July 1, 2009.

6. **Discussion of RFGA Review Committees & Meeting Dates:** Coordinator Lacapa provided an overview and shared the potential review committee list she had created. RPC members provided feedback to her. She stated there must be a minimum of three members on each committee. Coordinator Lacapa will begin contacting them and send out a revised list to Council members.

7. **Discussion of Regional Partnership Council Advocacy Work:** Coordinator Lacapa provided an update on the budget and an overview of the Advocacy Kit. She will provide additional color copies of the Kit to all members of the RPC. Vice Chair Smith requested that the picture of the moccasins on the front cover be changed to Apache moccasins.

8. Discussion and Approval of Meeting Dates

- A. April 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m., WUSD Day Care
- B. May 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m., WUSD Day Care
- C. June 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m., WUSD Day Care

Member Endfield moved that the proposed meeting dates be approved; Dr. Strand seconded; the Motion passed 9:0:0.

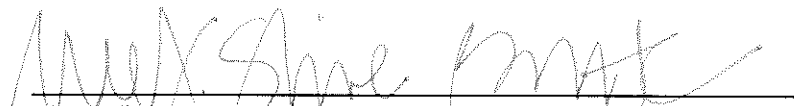
- 9. Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Lacapa provided her report as well as a draft of her maternity plan. First Things First Regional Manager AdiShakti Khalsa and Navajo/Apache RPC Coordinator Kate Dobler-Allen will assist during the Coordinator's absence. A question was raised regarding RPC members being on administrative leave while attending RPC meetings; Coordinator Lacapa stated she is on the agenda for the Tribal Council for March when she will discuss that issue.

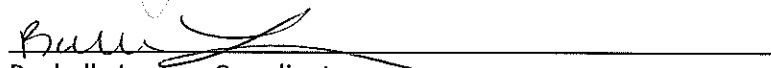
10. Items for the Good of the Order:

Member Endfield stated there will be an FCCLA Conference March 26, 2009, at the High School. She is still seeking more providers/presenters. The charge is \$24, however, people can attend free if they get in contact with Claude Endfield or the Housing Authority. There is limited child care available. FCCLA is also doing a uniform drive; there are boxes at every school for donations. FCCLA members will wash and mend the uniforms and make them available to people needing them. A question was raised about the need for defensive driving paperwork; Coordinator Lacapa informed the Council that this is no longer required because that department has been cut. Administrative Assistant Theobald followed up on the required paperwork of the Council members.

- 11. Adjourn & Potluck:** There being no further business to discuss, Chair Burnette adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Approved:


Aletha "Shine" Burnette, Chair


Rochelle Lacapa, Coordinator